

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (withdrawn) A wireless apparatus for connecting a computing device of an individual, that does not include a wireless network connectivity capability, to a wireless network, comprising:

a first connector interface cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a networking interface circuit of the computing device, for receiving a first networking signal from the computing device, wherein the networking interface circuit is housed in the computing device;

a conversion module having a first connector interface port adapted to receive the first connector interface cable, and to receive the first networking signal from the connector interface cable, and a second connector interface port for receiving a wireless networking interface card, the conversion module operable to convert the first networking signal into a second networking signal; and

wherein said conversion module interfaces said computing device to said wireless network without first requiring modification to hardware of the computing device.

2. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second connector interface port receives the second networking signal and sends the second networking signal to the wireless networking interface card.

3. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a power source connected to the conversion module for providing power to the conversion module.

4. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:  
a power source connected to the conversion module and to the second connector interface port for providing power to the conversion module and to the wireless networking interface card.

5. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the power source is a battery disposed within a housing of the apparatus.

6. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the wireless networking interface card comprises an industry standard specification for the wireless network.

7–11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A wireless apparatus for connecting a computing device of an individual to a wireless network on a mobile platform, comprising:

a first connector interface cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a networking interface circuit of the computing device, and for receiving a first networking signal from the computing device, wherein the networking interface circuit is housed in the computing device;

a second connector interface cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port in the computing device for receiving a source of power to power the apparatus; and

a conversion module having a first connector interface port adapted to receive the first connector interface cable to receive the first networking signal from the first connector interface cable, and a second connector interface port for receiving a wireless networking interface card, the conversion module operable to convert the first networking signal into a second networking signal, ~~[[and]]~~ to receive and convert wireless networking signals into a form that can be processed by the network interface circuit~~[[;]]~~ , and ~~wherein the conversion module interfaces to interface~~ to interface said computing device to said wireless network on the mobile platform without first requiring modification to hardware of the computing device.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12, ~~wherein the said~~ second connector interface port ~~receives~~ receiving the second networking signal and ~~sends~~ sending the second networking signal to the wireless networking interface card.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 13, ~~wherein the~~ said wireless networking interface card ~~comprises~~ comprising an industry standard specification for the wireless network.

15. (currently amended) An aircraft including a wireless network and a portable apparatus for connecting a computing device of an individual on the aircraft to the wireless network on the aircraft, the portable apparatus comprising:

a first cable comprising a connector for connecting the portable apparatus to a networking interface circuit of the computing device of the individual on the aircraft, the cable for receiving a first networking signal from the computing device;

a second cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a port in the computing device for receiving a source of power to power the apparatus from the computing device of the individual on the aircraft; and

a conversion module having a first connector interface port adapted to receive the first cable to receive the first networking signal from the cable, ~~[[and]]~~ a second connector interface port for receiving a wireless networking interface card, and a third connector interface port for receipt of the second cable to power the conversion module, the conversion module operable to convert the first networking signal into a second networking signal; ~~and~~ ,

~~wherein the~~ said wireless networking interface card ~~[[is]]~~ being disposed in said conversion module and ~~[[is]]~~ in communication with said conversion module for interfacing the second networking signal with said wireless network on the aircraft, to ~~thereby~~ interface said computing device of the individual on the aircraft to said wireless

network on the aircraft without first requiring modification to hardware of the computing device.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) The aircraft of Claim 16, ~~wherein the~~ said second cable ~~[[is]]~~ being a universal serial bus cable and ~~[[the]]~~ said port ~~[[is]]~~ being a universal serial bus port.

18. (currently amended) A wireless apparatus for connecting a computing device of an individual, that does not include a wireless network connectivity capability, to a wireless network, comprising:

a first connector interface cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a networking interface circuit of the computing device, for receiving a first networking signal from the computing device, wherein the networking interface circuit is housed in the computing device;

a second connector interface cable comprising a connector for connecting the apparatus to a port in the computing device for receiving power from the computing device to power the apparatus; and

a conversion module having a first connector interface port adapted to receive the first connector interface cable, and to receive the first networking signal from the connector interface cable, and a second connector interface port adapted to receive the second connector interface cable to power the conversion module for converting the

~~conversion module operable to convert~~ the first networking signal into a second networking signal~~[[;]]~~ , and wherein ~~said conversion module interfaces~~ interfacing said computing device to said wireless network without first requiring modification to hardware of the computing device;

said conversion module further comprising a third connector interface port for receiving a wireless networking interface card.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 18, ~~wherein the~~ said second connector interface cable ~~[[is]]~~ being a universal serial bus cable and ~~[[the]]~~ said port ~~[[is]]~~ being a universal serial bus port.

20. (cancelled)